

# Students Ready One-Act Plays for THS Festival

Torrance High School's traditional One-Act Play Festival, featuring plays written, directed, and acted by students, will be presented at the high school auditorium on Friday, March 29, at 8.

The Torrance High tradition, started 12 years ago, got its inspiration and backing from Rosemary DeCamp, noted television, radio, and motion picture actress, who reads the plays each year and donates the trophies.

Miss DeCamp, the wife of Superior Judge John A. Shidler, and Dr. Carl Ahee, now principal of Torrance High, worked out the project with Dr. John Steinbaugh of Palos Verdes, then principal at the school.

AFTER the plays were presented, all who are interested adjourn to the school cafeteria where prominent guests criticize the writing, acting, and directing.

Dwayne Hickman, Rod Serling, Paul Henning, Ann B. Davis, John Deekman, and Miss DeCamp have been among the professional actors and writers who have criticized and advised the student dramatists.

Dr. Frank Sullivan of Loyola, Dr. Howard Banks of El Camino, and Dr. Sievers of Long Beach State, all teachers of drama, along with other

faculty members from USC, UCLA, and Harbor College, have contributed their time to the unique project.

**THE TORRANCE** High library of original one-act plays is now considerable, comprising more than half a hundred plays which mirror the humor, philosophy, and emotions of teenagers of more than a decade.

Charles Slater, the school's dynamic young drama coach, has said one of his reasons for coming to Torrance High this year was the rare opportunity the one-act play project presented.

The student body's interest is especially high this year as Miss DeCamp is awarding cash prizes for the boy and girl selling the largest number of tickets to the plays.

A LARGE NUMBER of the city's residents have reason to be proud of the annual event as many families have had a connection with the program through its 12-year history. Some plays have had as many as 20 actors.

Comprising the panel of critics this year will be Dr.

James Butler, head of the USC drama department; Dr. Marvin Browksi, drama professor at UCLA; Hal Wennstrom of El Camino College, Dr. Sievers of Long Beach State, and Dr. Frank Sullivan of Loyola.

"This activity is very important to all of us," Miss DeCamp said. "In a world of canned entertainment, it is hard for originality to survive. We hope to help these youngsters to learn to write. As an actress, believe me, I know that it is the pen—that is mighty."

MISS DeCAMP also pointed out that the contest is even more remarkable because there is no playwrighting class at Torrance High.

"The faculty and Dr. Ahee have been enormously helpful and patient with this project because it takes lots of time and hard work," Miss DeCamp said.

"But, just think — we are practically the only high school in the country with the courage and talent to do these things."

Only one other U.S. high school — that one on New York's Long Island — has been offering such a program to its students, it was reported here.

## Clubs Set Dual Meet

The Redondo Beach Optimist Club and the South Bay Toastmasters Club will conduct a joint dinner meeting tonight, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Redondo Elks Club. Both club presidents have announced the meeting is open to men interested in witnessing two clubs in action.

## Cosline to Have 'Stop' at 190th

As a traffic safety factor, the Board of Supervisors have ordered installation of "stop" signs for northbound traffic on Coslin Avenue at 190th Street in the Carson area.

Coslin Avenue is a new street intersecting 190th Street. Signs already have been posted at the other intersecting streets in the area.

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**TOO MUCH ARSENIC . . .** James Wellman, as Teddy, in the Bishop Montgomery High School production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" carries another body like a pro. Under the direction of Sister Rita Francis CSJ, Sister Rose Margaret, and Sister Cecilia Clare, the comedy will run March 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the main office of the high school at 5430 Torrance Blvd.

## Pen & Quill Observes Anniversary of Hotel

Celebrating its first anniversary this week is the Pen & Quill Hotel in Manhattan Beach, whose dramatically designed building on the coast highway has become a prominent South Bay landmark.

Adjoining the long-established restaurant, which recently marked its own 10th anniversary, The Pen & Quill has already garnered worldwide recognition and given credence to its slogan "where world travelers meet."

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ALREADY DURING 1963, visitors from Ghana, Australia, Holland, and England have registered at the 200-room hostelry. Guests to date have included foreign diplomats, congressional and gubernatorial candidates, internationally-famed scientists and notables from the sports, literary and entertainment fields. They have included Richard M. Nixon, Author Richard Tregaskis, Golfer Gene Sarazen, Joe DiMaggio, Jimmy Doolittle, Coach Pappy Waldorf, and atomic scientist Edward Teller, among others.

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## Student Chorus To Sing Tonight

A program of choral music featuring the voices of 104 West High students, will be presented in the school's circular library beginning at 8 tonight.

Acoustics in the circular building have been called fantastic by one school official.

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Mrs. Helen Briscoe of 5118 Lee St., is the mother of nine children, the wife of a personnel specialist working for the NORAIR division of Northrop Corp. in Hawthorne, and a bona-fide member of the elite royalty of the American television viewing audience.

Mrs. Briscoe was elected Queen for a Day on MC Jack Bailey's ABC television show broadcast Friday.

During a special show before a studio audience composed of the wives of Southern California's aerospace industry employees, Mrs. Briscoe was elected Aerospace Queen by audience applause.

Aerospace Queen Helen explained that her wish was for bunk beds for her children and for a new stove.

MC Bailey and the audience agreed that with nine children in her house to care for, the fact that she could use a new stove was probably a gross understatement on Mrs. Briscoe's part.

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